

REMARKS

This paper is directed to the amendments identified above, and is further responsive in any manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claims 1-28 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. That is, appropriate Claims have been added in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention, and such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 29-61 are pending in the application for consideration and examination.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements/amendments/cancellations (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

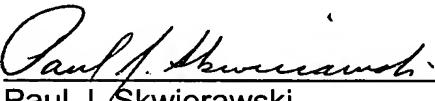
CONCLUSION

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application, and therefore is timely and proper for entry.

No Petition/fee is possible, and no extension of time is required or possible, for entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the additional claims fees. Please charge any valid/required fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 501.34466CC4).

Respectfully submitted,



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Form PTO-2038 (Fee Code 1202)